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STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERY

On Tuesday March 15th at approximately 1:40 PM, a 2001 BMW 325i was stolen from Green Lake in Seattle after the owner unknowingly dropped the keys while getting out of the vehicle. When the victim reported to the Seattle Police Department that her car had been stolen, the information was entered into the national law enforcement computer system, which automatically activated the LoJack transponder hidden in the car.

The Seattle Police Department tracked the silent signal from the LoJack transmitter to a grocery store in Wallingford. Upon contact, the suspect fled in the stolen vehicle and officers pursued, but had to end the pursuit when the vehicle crossed the 520 bridge heading East.

Medina Officers, whose vehicles are equipped with LoJack tracking systems, picked up the signal coming from the stolen vehicle and followed it into Bellevue. Medina Officers located the abandoned and undamaged vehicle in the 9900 block of NE 1st in Bellevue.

What is LoJack? Visit the Medina Police Department website at www.medina-wa.gov to learn more about LoJack Vehicle Recovery Systems. Select the Police Department link on the left side of the homepage. Once opened, choose 'Crime Prevention' from the left side bar, then click on 'LoJack Program' under Auto Theft Prevention to learn more.-

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